

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**February 1, 2023**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chairman  
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman  
Thomas Bazan  
Tabitha Bock  
Mike Brooks  
Jeanette Goza  
Tina Lathan  
Aakash Raut  
Dean Williams

**Members Absent:** Molly Berns

**Staff Present:** Emily Prather

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the January minutes. A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Lathan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell reported he had a very nice conversation with one of the four groups who have responded to the request for information regarding the CLG grant surveying project. He stated the group was Urbana Preservation and Planning and spoke with John Hyche and Wendy Becker and they asked additional questions which were very informative. Chairman Pell stated he participated in an online listening session on Archaeology Groups presented by the Lakota Group for the Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. Chairman Pell noted that in the listening session, a discussion about the CLG grant applications occurred and Jon Pressley was unable to state definitively when those applications would be available online. Commissioner Bazan asked if those listening sessions were available online since the sessions are held during the workday making it hard for some to participate. Chairman Pell indicated he did not know if recordings were available. Chairman Pell noted a gentleman that spoke during the listening session used to be the president of the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions and he was unsure if that group existed anymore. Chairman Pell stated since the last meeting he was able to correspond with Dave Steckel, who is the chair of the Springfield Historic Sites Commission, about potentially collaborating in the future on a Route 66 CLG grant application. Chairman Pell stated he and Dave Steckel were asked by Commissioner Berns to be a part of a steering committee regarding Route 66 in Sangamon County. Chairman Pell stated the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission has hired a planning consultant to work on a Route 66 master plan for Sangamon County.

**Old Business:** Chairman Pell noted the creation of the Sangamon County barn book has made a little progress in that Commissioner Bazan has gone through the entire draft of the barn book and provided his changes. Commissioner Bazan noted the Commission has 26 full barns with pictures and write-ups, 15 barns with multiple pictures, and the rest can be combined with other barns. Commissioner Bazan noted that the barn book can be published as a PDF so that it can be modified if more barns were submitted to be included. Commissioner Brooks noted there may

be some barns that have write-ups but the write-ups have not been added to the book yet. Commissioner Bazan noted staff member Prather will scan his edits in and will share the document with the other Commissioners. Commissioner Bazan noted the Commission could apply for a CLG grant to print hard copies of the book. Staff member Prather noted the Commission would not be allowed to count the work already completed toward the grant match contribution. Commissioner Brooks noted there would be some sweat equity in delivering the books and so it could be possible to apply for a grant to print the book.

Chairman Pell asked Commissioner Goza if she had an update on the CLG grant application. Commissioner Goza reported she had contacted someone within the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and was told the CLG grant applications would be made available on March 1<sup>st</sup> and would be available for 30 days. Chairman Pell stated the Commission will receive information from the various consultants about the cost to complete the survey project and then the Commission will have to think about how to provide the 30% match.

**New Business:** Chairman Pell asked Commissioner Lathan about the progress on the annual report. Commissioner Lathan stated she had almost completed it but needed to verify some items. Commissioner Lathan needed to know what surveys were submitted from the past year. Staff member Prather stated three surveys were submitted from the past year and no landmarks were designated. Commissioner Lathan asked how many parcels were in Sangamon County and staff member Prather stated she would get that number to Commissioner Lathan. Commissioner Lathan also asked if any Commissioner had attended any historical education opportunities within the past year to please share that with her so they can be counted on the annual report.

**Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications:** None

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Bazan reported he will reach out to Senator Durbin's office and Representative LaHood's office regarding the bill to designate Route 66 as a national trail.

Commissioner Williams reported that Scott Walkington with the Central Illinois Film Commission was willing to donate 60 hours of Route 66 footage from Chicago to California. Commissioner Williams also reported he is working on a recruitment video for the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Sherman reported he attended the National Barn Alliance Conference at the end of January.

**Staff Reports:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Additional Comments:** None

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goza made a motion to adjourn the February meeting with Commissioner Bock seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Emily Prather